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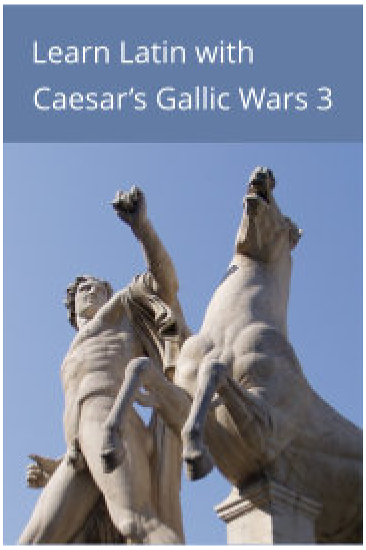
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Full ebook list with direct links available here.

Why Ebooks?

2018 October 29

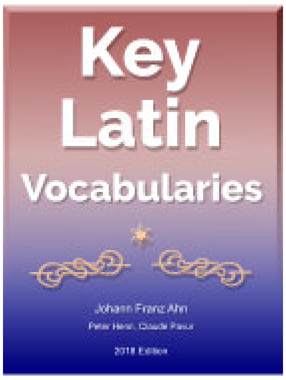


Learn Latin with Caesar's *Gallic Wars* Book 3. A swift-moving, action-packed, brief narrative sequence from a classic work that will introduce you easily to Caesar's vocabulary, syntactical structures, and literary style. Learn vocabulary *in context* rather than from a list. The Acceleration Reader format breaks the text up so that you can understand the original

***phrase by phrase* and *in sequence*. *Divide et disce!* (Divide and learn!) The pari passu (bit-by-bit) translation allows you to focus on the text in front of you; it does not make you keep turning your attention to dictionary helps. The straight Latin text of *Gallic Wars* Book 3 is available in traditional paragraphing also, for testing your comprehension without the English available on the same page. Reading this book with interest, students will be much more likely to *want* to read more of the original. This is an inexpensive textbook that can best be used at the intermediate level and above, though**

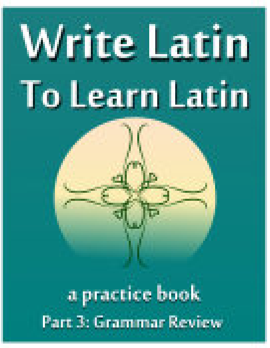
advanced beginners can also profit much from it. As an ebook, it is usually available 24/7 throughout the year and can be introduced at any point of the semester.

2018 June 02



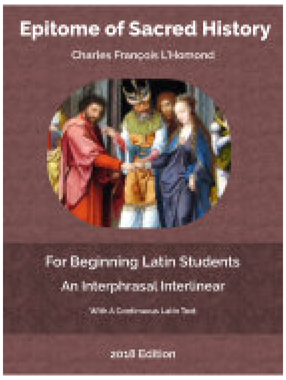
Key Latin Vocabularies, 2018 edition **— a book for all Latin classes. This new edition corrects many hidden and other vowel quantities and increases the number of spatial expressions (e.g., *back and forth, upwards, by another way, elsewhere, on all sides*) to over 200. Temporal expressions approach 500 in number. There are also about 600 proverbial statements, bilingually presented.** **The hardcopy of the**

2018 edition is also available as a handy, very legible book of about 340 pages.

2018 April 16	**Full list of our ebooks for Latin learning, with direct links.**
2018 April 08	***Re-Envisioning Classics As a Liberal Art*** **(Pavur, 2011, rev. 2018). Offsite link. An essay calling for a radical and general reform in the way classics is conceived and taught in college.**
2018 April 02 	***Write Latin to Learn Latin: Part 3: Grammar Review*****. The third and final part of an excellent practice book for Latin, with answers readily available in format**

convenient for ereaders. Part 3 provides materials useful for a general review of grammar.

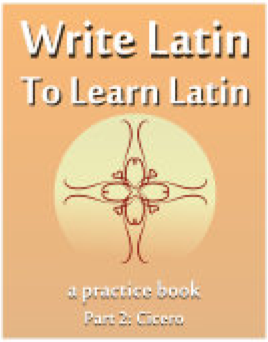
2018 March 31



***Epitome of Sacred History*. The 2018 edition includes a continuous Latin text for those who wish to test their comprehension without a translation nearby. The interphrasal interlinear format is perfect for absolute beginners, intelligent adult learners, or those who simply do not seem able to get Latin fundamentals, but it also helps to have the original stories in full Latin form.**

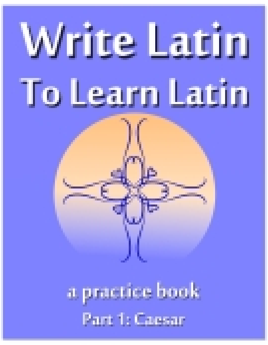
2018 March 26

***Write Latin to Learn Latin: Part 2: Cicero*.**



Simple prose writing exercises based on Cicero's *Catilinarians* and his *Pro Archia*. Prepare yourself to read those texts by taking bite-sized pieces first and learning some of the key phrases and vocabulary. Highly recommended for all students beyond the first year. Based on work by the Latinist Moses Daniell.

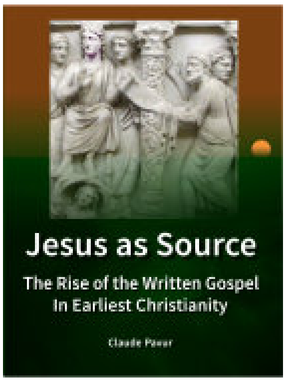
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***Write Latin to Learn Latin: Part 1: Caesar*. An excellent prose composition ebook for all those beyond the very first stages of learning. Perfect for preparing yourself to read Caesar smoothly. Answers to the**

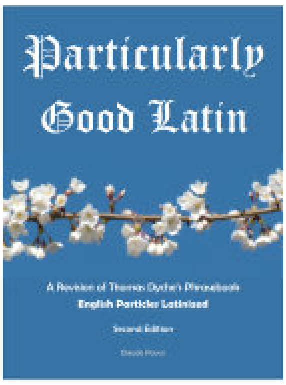
	composition tasks are immediately available on the following page on the ereader. Spend less time guessing and more time understanding. Practice comprehension!
2018 February 25	***Latin Body Vocabulary: Bones*. Latin names for major bones, graphically illustrated.**
2018 February 24	***Latin Body Vocabulary: The Major External Parts of the Body*. Latin names for major parts of the human body, graphically illustrated.**
2018 February 11	***Latin Body Vocabulary: The Head*. Latin names for parts of the human head, graphically illustrated.**

2017 September 25



Jesus as Source: The Rise of the Written Gospel in Earliest Christianity. The "gospel-genre" is said to have arisen in the first century. Was it more like the ancient biographies of that day or does it perhaps fit another, older pattern? This scholarly work tackles issues in the development of the gospel form, looking to its most ancient sources.

2017 April 02



Particularly Good Latin. Second edition, some corrections and revised formatting. Many of the common "little words" that you need to know in any language—the

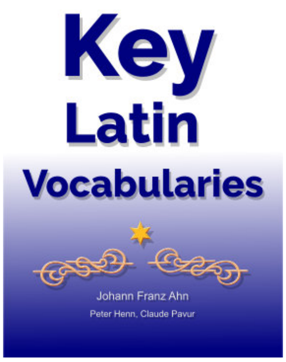
Second Kindle edition and **new in paperback**

particles—are presented here in Thomas Dyche's classic work. For *every* Latin learner at *every* level.

A paperback version of the second edition is available as well.

Matchbook offer: a paperback purchase will entitle you to download the Kindle version for $0.99.

2017 March 28



New in paperback

***Key Latin Vocabularies*. A great standard for vocabulary study for four years of high school or two years of college Latin is now also available in paperback, for easier classroom**

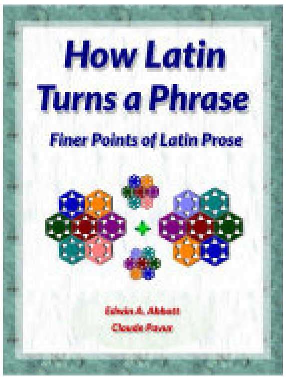
use. In addition to the many essential word lists, you will find a section with several hundred proverbs, bilingually presented, and a full listing of all key words.

Matchbook offer: a paperback purchase entitles you to download the Kindle version for free.

2017 March 12	***Audio and text for Horace Odes 3.13*. Now phrasal helps are given for all three of the odes presented.**
2017 February 26	***Audio and text for Horace Odes 2.14*. Two audio files are now**

available, using the classical pronunciation.

2016 October 23

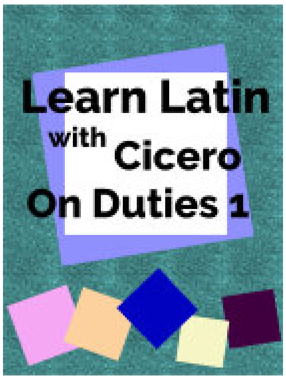


***How Latin Turns a Phrase: Finer Points of Latin Prose*. The core of Edwin Abbott's well-known book on Latin idiom has been reformatted in this ebook version, along with some original high and low examples of English into Latin and vice-versa. Teachers and advanced Latinists will profit especially from this material.**

2016 September 19

***Audio for Horace Odes 4.7*. Reading of a famous ode ("Diffugere nives") in the classical pronunciation, with text and phrasal helps.**

2016 September 17



***Learn Latin with Cicero On Duties 1*. The entire first book of Cicero's *De Officiis* in accleration reader format with pari passu (mostly literal) translation. Divide and conquer your way through this challenging but very important text. With the ebook formatting you will more easily learn how to understand the Latin *as the sentences unfold*.**

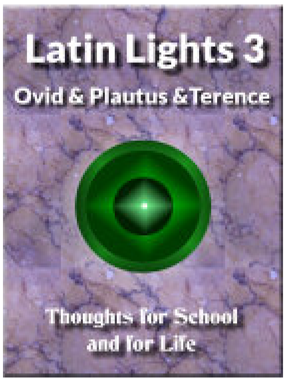
2016 July 09



***Selectissimae: Latin Phrases for Mastery*. A bilingual collection of 2200 Ciceronian phrases for comprehension practice, vocabulary expansion, prose composition, and conversational Latin. Based on a Renaissance**

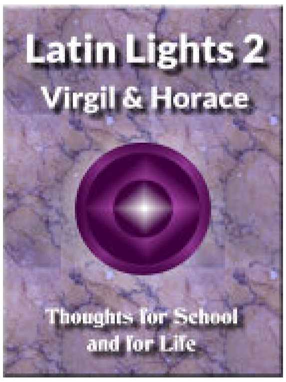
treasury gathered by humanist Christoph Vladerack.

2016 June 07



[Latin Lights 3: Ovid & Plautus & Terence](). The third volume in the series covers the voluminous Ovid and the celebrated comics Plautus and Terence—all three important influences on Shakespeare.

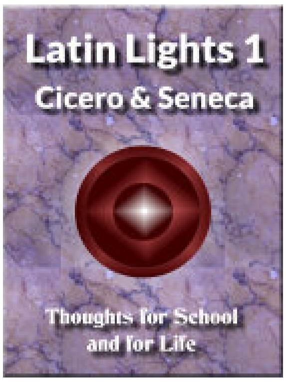
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[Latin Lights 2: Virgil & Horace](). Continuing the series of inexpensive Latin quotations books with two of the most quoted of Latin poets.

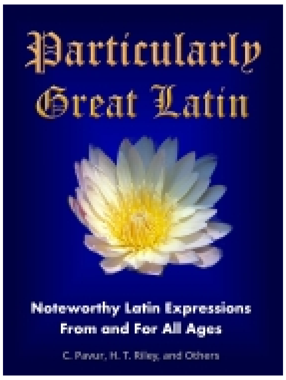
2016 June 05

[Latin Lights 1: Cicero & Seneca](). An inexpensive,



handy collection of expressions and sentiments from Cicero and Seneca for classroom use. There are three sections: one bilingual, one all Latin, and one all English.

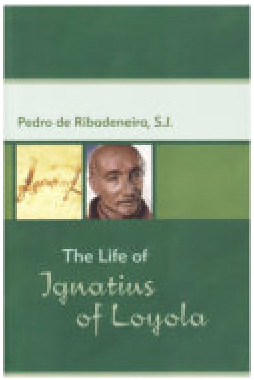
2016 June 04



Particularly Great Latin: Noteworthy Latin Expressions From and For All Ages. *Second edition*. Over 2000 items have been added to make this new edition one of the largest Latin quotation anthologies available anywhere. Teachers have here a great treasury of nuggets for classroom exercises, examples, entertainments. The ebook format makes searching for words,

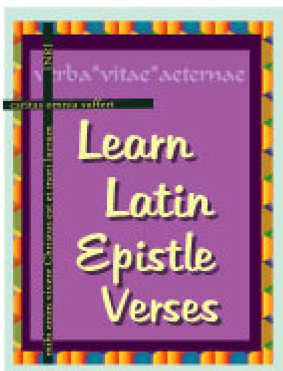
endings, and concepts a painless and speedy operation. Good to combine with ***Sundial Latin*** and ***Smart Latin: Maxims for Mastery***.

2016 May 14



Pedro de Ribadeneira's *Life of Ignatius of Loyola*. Newly added: a pdf version of a selection of the Latin text. The full English translation of this famous Renaissance biography is available at the **Institute of Jesuit Sources**.

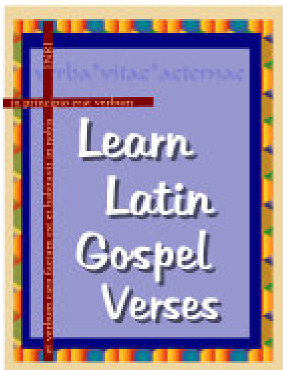
2016 May 08



***Learn Latin Epistle Verses*.** A pari-passu bilingual collection of famous and representative verses from the uncontested letters of Saint Paul, one

of the greatest foundational sources for Christianity and world culture. This selection includes over 530 verses and short passages, each separately identified and presented on an ereader page. Students can use this material to read larger quantities of accessible and important Latin. Word count: 30,000.

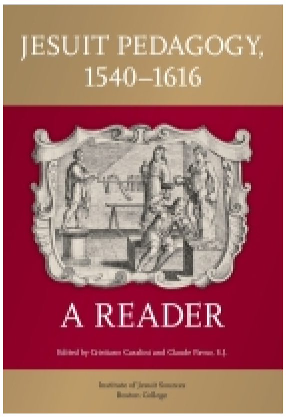
2016 April 09



Learn Latin Gospel Verses. A pari-passu bilingual collection of famous and representative verses from the four canonical gospels. This text provides an easy way to introduce students to some simple yet profound and significant

Latin material. It can also be used as an easy way to review and get back into Latin if there has been a hiatus. This work includes over 560 short passages, many of more than one verse. "Learn the gospels with Latin and learn Latin with the gospels."

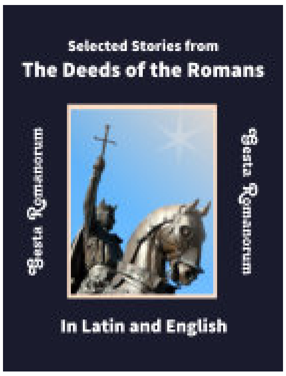
2016 March 30



Jesuit Pedagogy, 1540–1616: A Reader. Edited by Cristiano Casalini and Claude Pavur, S.J. A substantial collection of writings from early Jesuit educators, with full introduction, timeline, notes, and index. Translated from the critical edition of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century originals in Latin,

Spanish, and Italian, almost all of this material is now available for the first time in English. The table of contents can be seen here. Note especially "How to Teach Children Latin and Greek" and other items relating to the humanistic literary education of the Renaissance.

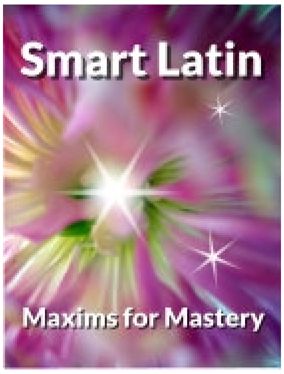
2016 February 21



Selected Stories from The Deeds of the Romans: In Latin and English. A bilingual pari-passu reader for ereaders, containing a selection of twenty-one easy Latin stories from the medieval classic known as the *Gesta Romanorum* or *The Deeds of the Romans*.

These intriguing little narratives were used in the fourteenth century as allegories to communicate spiritual points. They are full of the imagery that we associate with the high Middle Ages, despite the title. There are princes and princesses, jousting and magic, castles and ransoms, love and violence, and sometimes faith. Recommended for adult learners and aspiring medievalists who are just beginning their Latin studies. This is one of the easiest "on-ramps" available.

2016 February 18	***Smart Latin: Maxims for Mastery*. Learn Latin in short sayings (ethical and religious),**

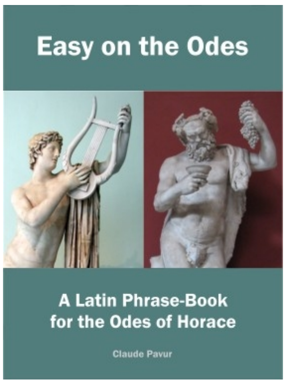


proceeding from two-word to three-word to four-word expressions and higher. The second part of this book is an anthology of Latin translations of selections from famous writings (including the Serenity Prayer, the Hippocratic Oath, citations from Shakespeare and Alexander Pope). The pari-passu bilingual ereader format allows you to switch instantaneously between languages with a simple press or swipe on your device. Faster and more numerous repetitions allow you to attain greater mastery in a shorter time.

2015 September 06

[A Vision of Philosophy for College Education] [offsite link]: Cicero's exalted vision of philosophy, bilingually presented. Is philosophy something that is primarily concerned with cogent argument? Or is it rather something constituted by a way of life and connected with spiritual exercises? In the short text excerpted and translated in this one-pager, Cicero sketches quite another approach. *Tremendum!*

2015 August 23



Easy on the Odes: A Latin Phrase-book for the Odes of Horace*: There is a 20% reduction on the easy-reading hard copy, which includes a clean text of the *Odes

	for classroom use and for easy, uncluttered review. (See sample at this link.) Format: 8.5x11 paperback.
2015 August 09	**Hamlet's "To Be Soliloquy" audio in Latin, read with the classical pronunciation.**
2015 July 26	**The Nicene Creed: Text and Audio. The liturgical form of the Creed is read with the ecclesiastical pronunciation. This is one of the simplest and most widely known Latin texts. The mp3 link on the page opens the audio in a new tab in some browsers. The file can also be downloaded for your use.**

2015 June 27

Hamlet's "To Be or Not to Be" soliloquy in Latin has been corrected and refined.

2015 May 10

Towards a Universal Digital Register of Latin Writings: The *Repertorium Omnium Litterarum Latinarum*. A proposal for a new kind of web database covering all Latin writings of note.

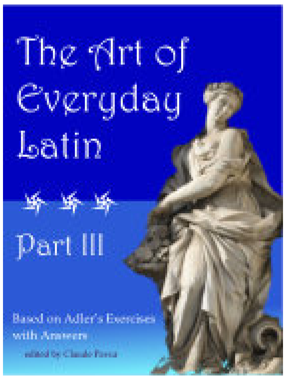
2015 April 28



***Sundial Latin: Thoughts Light and Dark* is now available in ebook format. Over 900 sundial inscriptions in Latin, newly translated. Most of the sayings are written in very easy Latin that beginners will be able to appreciate, and most of**

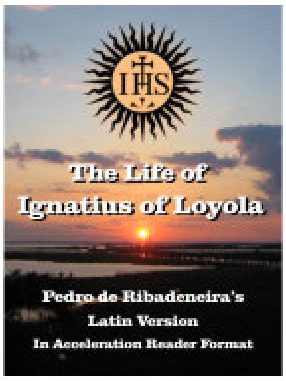
them are guaranteed to make you think.

2015 April 20



All three parts of *The Art of Everyday Latin* have been revised, corrected, and in part rewritten. These books give you an excellent basis for the repetitive practice that allows you to feel more comfortable with Latin using everyday vocabulary and short manageable sentences. Can be used with any textbook.

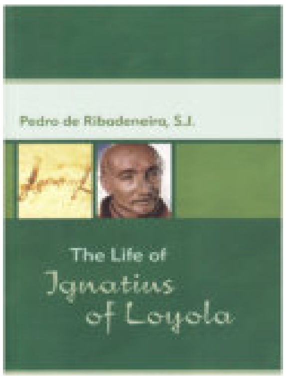
2015 February 18



***The Life of Ignatius of Loyola: Pedro de Ribadeneira's Latin Version in Acceleration Reader Format*. This is the complete *Latin* text of the biography in Acceleration Reader**

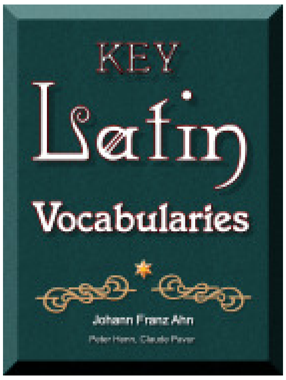
format for Latin learners. The typographical arrangement supports the process of learning to read "in chunks" and understanding those units sequentially. This edition uses the same numbering scheme as the English translation published by the Institute of Jesuit Sources in 2014. Only a Nook version is available now, but it does not require Nook hardware. See Nook for the Web, available through Barnes & Noble. ***Note: the English translation is not included here.***

2014 December 01	***The Life of Ignatius of Loyola*** **by Pedro de Ribadeneira. This is the first complete English**



translation of a famous Renaissance Latin biography of Ignatius of Loyola.

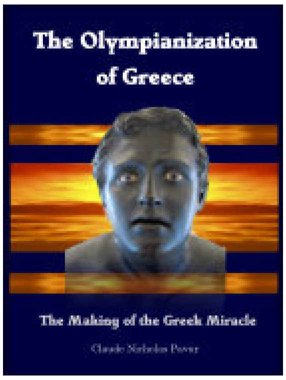
2014 November 01



***Key Latin Vocabularies*. This is the best all-purpose Latin vocabulary book available; it is a useful standard for all levels of Latin. The Ahn-Henn lists have been revised, reformatted, corrected, enhanced, and expanded. This is *not* a photographic copy of faded pages or broken type. Includes over 600 short proverbs. Total word-count: 44,000-plus. A pdf sample is available here.**

2014 October 07

The Olympianization of

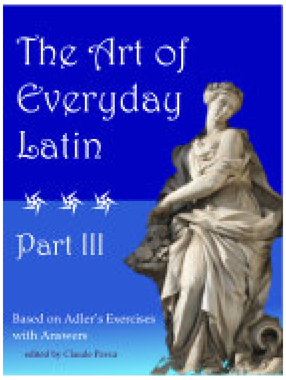


Greece: The Making of the Greek Miracle**. Not a Latin book, but a scholarly study of the Greek symbols, values, and cultural complexes that had such a deep impact on Roman and Western society and sensibility. This essay proposes an original answer to the question "Why the Greeks?" For college students and older. A pdf sample is available here. An explanatory diagram is available here.**

NOTE: Some early difficulties with the book display are now fixed.

2014 September 28

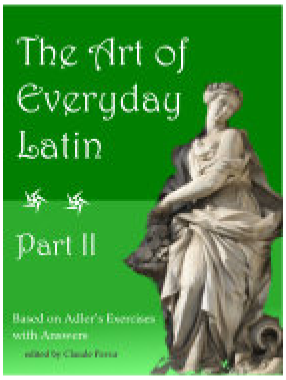
The Art of Everyday Latin: Part III**. From the blurb: "Learn the art of**



making Latin come alive. To put it another way: Latin rises here like an unstoppable anti-zombie, destroying the mindless conformity of all who have forgotten their past. You will discover that Latin is not only for the likes of Cicero and Virgil and Aquinas and Petrarch and Erasmus and Descartes and Newton and *thousands and thousands* of others like them. It is for you too. And why not? If you speak English (or a Romance tongue) and/or live in a Western-derived culture, then the Western classical heritage is certainly part of who *you* are. You can't go home without it." So *get real*

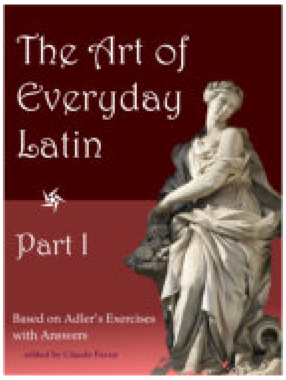
— learn Latin — become who you are!

2014 September 23



***The Art of Everyday Latin: Part II*. A most effective way to "deep-process" the Latin language. Working from English to Latin with simple concrete communications helps students absorb and master the patterns and vocabulary.**

2014 September 19



***The Art of Everyday Latin: Part I*. The "perpetual exercises" of Adler's *A Practical Grammar*, Part I, with answers. A great abundance of simple exercises, here modernized, reformulated, and rearranged in bilingual**

	fashion so that the student can flip to the Latin equivalents at a single stroke on an ereader. Simple, sense-based communications are given in English with repetitive vocabulary for the student to express in Latin. This work offers an inexpensive but *excellent* enhancement for *any* introductory class in Latin, no matter what the primary text.
2014 September 14	**A web edition of J. P. Postgate's article, "Are the Classics to Go?"**
2014 September 13	***John Harmar's Praxis Grammatica of 1623*** **revised and corrected. This pedagogical work can supplement any Latin course. It contains**

some confessional and much ethically-oriented material for the edification of the young, as was typical of works of its day. The last half includes many amusing anecdotes from antiquity.

2014 September 01	***The Ebook Advantage*. Why use ebooks or ebook readers? Here are twelve thoughts about that.**
2014 August 13	***Horae Latinae: Robert Ogilvie's Studies in Synonyms and Syntax*. An *outstanding* help for all professional translators, teachers, and advanced students who wish to understand Latin well. Many will find this work a much more**

	digestible, far more approachable text than *Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose Composition*. This work contains nearly five hundred major concepts and it offers *thousands* of examples. Highly recommended!
2014 July 23	***Learn Latin with Seneca: An Acceleration Reader with Pari Passu Translation*. The first seventeen of the famous *Epistulae Morales* in a format that helps students learn to understand phrases sequentially.**
2014 June 28	**Hamlet's Soliloquy (III.i) in Latin ("To be or not to be..."). An exercise in translation into Latin. A**

pdf bicolumnar bilingual version is available here.

2014 May 26	***Notable Romans : De Viris Illustribus : Part II*. This second volume completes the translation of the famous easy Latin reader by Charles L'Homond, *De Viris Illustribus a Romulo ad Augustum*. Students can use this material to help them learn how to understand Latin sequentially in short phrases as they absorb some of the most famous stories of Roman history. The simple Latin prose introduces important vocabulary and many common structures. Not all the material here is**

	suitable for young children.
2014 April 23	***Notable Romans : De Viris Illustribus : Part I*. Forty classic historical portraits from Charles L'Homond's simple Latin reader, given in Acceleration Reader format, with a pari passu translation. These stories go from Romulus and Remus to Scipio Africanus. Not all material is suitable for young children.**
2014 March 30	**Graphic for the Pledge of Allegiance in Latin.**
2014 March 25	**The Ratio Studiorum and Classical Culture: Wherefore the Greeks? Wherefore the Romans?**

: A paper delivered at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in 1999.

2014 March 24	***Giovanni Costa's Latin Translation of Alexander Pope's Essay on Man*. A brilliant classical humanist's Latin rendition of a high point in the European literary tradition. Pari-passu format. A sample is available at this link.**
2014 March 19	***Particularly Great Latin: Noteworthy Latin Expressions From and For All Ages*. Over 6400 Latin mottos, sayings, quotations, proverbs, terms from the breadth of the Latin tradition. A venerable collection from 1866, thoroughly**

	revised and expanded. Enjoyable and instructive, useful for examples, sight-reading, vocabulary expansion, translation practice, etc. A sample is available at this link.
2014 January 06	***Ablative Phrasebook: Mastering Latin's Most Interesting Case*** **for Kindle ereaders and other devices. Over 600 exemplary phrases in English and Latin, illustrating ablative usage. Included is a preliminary explanation of the ideas of case and declension, a synopsis of the ablative forms across the declensions, and a brief consideration of the ablative absolute.**

A sample is available at this link.

2013 November 23	**The Pledge of Allegiance in Latin.**
2013 November 20	***Caesar Phrasebook* for Kindle ereaders and other devices. A new, indexed edition of a vintage collection of over 1600 Latin phrases from Books I to IV of Caesar's *De Bello Gallico* with suggested English equivalents. This book is useful for much more than Caesar's prose. It introduces students to a range of meanings for many essential Latin words and it can also be used for auxiliary exercises in any Latin**

	prose composition courses.
2013 November 09	***Latin Prepositions: A Handbook for Teachers and Students*** **for Kindle ereaders and other devices. A reference textbook that promotes phrase-based learning and an emphasis on the essential particle-words. It can also help introduce students to the Lewis and Short Latin dictionary: the major prepositional entries are reproduced here in reader-friendly format with almost all the abbreviations "unpacked." Includes over 6000 Latin phrases.**
2013 October 20	***Easy on the Odes: A Phrase-Book for the Odes of Horace*** **has been**

	reviewed at the Bryn Mawr Classical Review by Prof. Peter Kuhlmann of the Seminar für Klassische Philologie, University of Göttingen.
2013 October 13	***Learn Latin with Aesop: An Easy Latin Reader with Translations*** **for Kindle ereaders and other devices. A bilingual reader with 52 of Aesop's fables in Latin. A companion volume for *Learn Latin with Celebrities*.**
2013 September 26	***Learn Latin with Celebrities: An Easy Latin Reader with Translations*** **for Kindle ereaders and other devices. A bilingual reader with 75 Latin anecdotes from the global Greco-Roman heritage.**

2013 September 05	***Cicero Phrasebook*** **for Kindle ereaders. A listing of over 1300 Ciceronian phrases with English translations.**
2013 July 26	**Cicero's *Pro Archia* with pari passu translation and in Accleration Reader format is available for Nook ereaders at this link and for Kindle ereaders at this one.**
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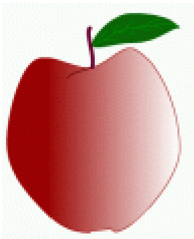
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morphology. In addition, you can find a summary of the vocabulary for Wheelock's Latin (6th Edition), other vocabulary studies, and some Flash movies for elementary Latin acquisition.



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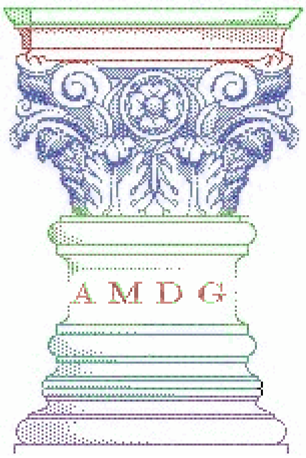
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There is some material relating to the history of Latin pedagogy, including a rare Latin textbook from 1623 (John Harmar's Praxis, with translation), and a very full timeline of Roman history from John Sandys. Because of its relevance to classical humanism, a theoretical essay on cultural history has been included. Also available are several pages on the GRASP method and free language-learning software for Windows 9x and Windows NT

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